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PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT REQUESTS THE STATE OF EL SALVADOR TO SUSPEND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE OF THE DRAFT BILL FOR "TRANSITIONAL AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION"

San José, Costa Rica, May 28 2019.- In the resolution notified today in the *Case of the Massacres of El Mozote and surrounding areas v. El Salvador*, the President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights ("Court" or "Tribunal"), Eduardo Ferrer Mac-Gregor Poisot, resolved to request the State of El Salvador to immediately suspend the legislative procedure of the draft bill for "Transitional and Restorative Justice for National Reconciliation" ("Law on National Reconciliation"), all in conformity with Article 63.2 of the American Convention, Articles 24.1 and 25.2 of the Statute of the Court, and Articles 4, 27 and 31.2 of the Rules of the Court.

After assessing the request submitted by the victims' representatives on May 24, 2019, the State's observations, the Commission's observations and the remaining pieces of evidence provided in the framework of the current procedure, the President of the Court considered that the requirements of extreme gravity, urgency and irreparable harm were present.

In view of the above, the President resolved to issue a resolution of urgent measures, in which, *inter alia*, he requests the State of El Salvador to suspend the legislative process of the draft bill for "Transitional and Restorative Justice for National Reconciliation" that is currently under discussion before the Political Commission of the Legislative Assembly, until the Plenary of the Court addresses the request of provisional measures during the next Period of Sessions.

The President's Resolution can be found [here](#).

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